

REMARKS

Claims 9, 10, 19 and 20 are allowed.

Claims 1-8, 11-18 and 21-30 were indicated as rejected; no rejection was made to claims 29 and 30. As the subject matter of the claims 29 and 30 corresponds to allowed claims 9, 10, 19 and 20, respectively, and because the only rejection of these claims was indicated as withdrawn in the October 15, 2007 Office Action, claims 29 and 30 are also believed allowed.

The objections to claims 6, 7, 16, 17, 26, and 27 are withdrawn in the Advisory Action.

Claims 2, 3, and 8 are amended to depend from allowed claim 9, and claims 12, 13, and 18 are amended to depend from allowed claim 9. Other formal amendments to these claims are made to ensure appropriate antecedent basis and consistency in claim language. Claims 22, 23, and 28 are amended to depend from claim 29, which is also believed to include subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 4-6, 11, 14-16, 21, and 24-26 are cancelled without prejudice to further prosecution in a continuation application.

Remaining claims 2-3, 7-10, 12-13, 17-20, 22-23, and 27-30 are all believed to include (directly or indirectly) subject matter indicated by the Examiner as allowable, and so all remaining claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance of all remaining claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicants assert that the remaining claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that this Application be passed to issue.

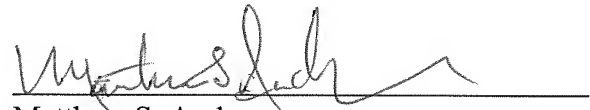
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *manderson@munckcarter.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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